



Board of Supervisors Health and Mental Health Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: June 4, 2025

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MEETING CHAIR: Tyler Cash, 5th Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Jack Arutyunyan

THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055

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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 140

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10:15 A.M. NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Gariel Brownlee v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

United States District Court Case No.: 2:21-cv-01118

Department of Health Services

I. Call to order

- II. **Information Item(s) (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):**
 - a. **DPH:** Recommendation to Continue the Declared Local Health Emergency for the January 2025 Critical Fire Events (#8204)
- III. **Board Motion(s):**
 - a. **SD 1 & SD 3:** Care With Pride: Strengthening the Safety Net for LGBTQ+ Residents and System-Involved Youth
 - b. **SD 3 & SD 1:** Joining The “Coolfood” Pledge” to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Los Angeles County Food Systems
 - c. **SD 2 & SD 3:** Preserving Los Angeles County’s Public Health System
- IV. Items Continued from a Previous Meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from the Previous Agenda Review Meeting
- V. Items not on the posted agenda for matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Department subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Adjournment

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BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter☐ Board Memo☐ Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	6/4/2025	
BOARD MEETING DATE	7/1/2025	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th	
DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Public Health	
SUBJECT	RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS	
PROGRAM	Executive Office Services	
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS		
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$	Funding source:
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation: There is no fiscal impact related to the continuance of this local health emergency, but the proclamation of local health emergency could allow the County to seek recovery of eligible costs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and State of California. The County will incur costs associated with the response to and recovery from the local health emergency.	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	<p>The local health emergency declared by the local health officer on January 10, 2025, was ratified by the Board on January 14, 2025, and initially extended on February 11, 2025, and continued thereafter, must be reviewed by the Board to determine the need for the local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated; and (2) proclaim the local health emergency terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination.</p> <p>Public Health and the Los Angeles County Health Officer have reviewed the need for the proclaimed local health emergency referenced above to remain in effect and recommend that the local health emergency be continued.</p>	
BACKGROUND	The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events are an ongoing local health emergency in Los Angeles County, which has required an ongoing response to several	

<p>(include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</p>	<p>destructive and wind-driven fires, especially the Palisades and Eaton Fires. These fires have burned thousands of residences and structures and resulted in massive amounts of post-fire health hazards in the form of burned hazardous materials and hazardous ash, soot and fire debris remaining in the burn and surrounding areas. The recovery response to these catastrophic fire events requires the ongoing need for federal, State and local emergency response and recovery operations to implement and complete a large scale urban wildfire debris removal and disposal and evaluate related human health risks.</p> <p><u>Board Motion</u> On January 14, 2025, via motion, the Board ratified the County Health Officer's Declaration of Local Health Emergency made on January 10, 2025, for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, in the County of Los Angeles. The Proclamation of Local Health Emergency shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.</p>
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<p>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:</p>
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July 1, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH
EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS
(ALL AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Public Health (Public Health) is recommending that the Board of Supervisors (Board) continue the local health emergency declared on January 10, 2025, in response to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events impacting Los Angeles County (County).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Adopt and instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution to Continue the Local Health Emergency due to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The local health emergency declared by the local health officer on January 10, 2025, was ratified by the Board on January 14, 2025, and initially continued by the Board on February 11, 2025, must be reviewed by the Board to determine the need for the local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated; and (2) proclaim the local health emergency terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination.

Public Health and the County Health Officer have reviewed the need for the proclaimed local health emergency referenced above to remain in effect and is recommending that the local health emergency be continued. This review included considerations of the extent to which the specified conditions for the proclaimed local health emergency, such as the continued existence of hazardous materials, hazardous waste in the form of fire ash, soot, and debris remaining inside and near the burn areas; the ongoing need for federal, State and local emergency response and recovery operations to implement and complete a large scale urban wildfire debris removal and disposal response; the ongoing need for federal and/or State financial assistance; and the extent to which departments continue to engage in essential emergency-related activities that are dependent on the local health emergency remaining in effect.

The January 2025 Critical Fire Events are an ongoing local health emergency in the County, which has required an ongoing response to several destructive and wind-driven fires, especially the Palisades and Eaton Fires. These fires have resulted in massive amounts of post-fire health hazards in the form of burned hazardous materials and hazardous ash, soot and fire debris remaining in the burn and surrounding areas. These catastrophic fire events have caused the loss of life, displacement of thousands of residents, widespread damage and destruction to residential structures, businesses, and infrastructure. These conditions are beyond the control of the resources of the County and have continued to require the combined forces of federal, State and other political subdivisions to combat. To mitigate the risks to health created by the fires, post-fire health hazards must be removed from properties in accordance with federal and State standards for safe removal of hazardous materials and waste.

Given the current and ongoing risks posed by post-fire health hazards, Public Health recommends that the Board find that the local health emergency be continued.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2 – Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area A – Public Health, Strategy i - Population Based Health.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact related to the continuance of this local health emergency, but the proclamation of local health emergency could allow the County to seek recovery of eligible costs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and State of California. The County will incur costs associated with the response to and recovery from the local health emergency.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code requires the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated. California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requires the Board to terminate a proclaimed local health emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is excluded from the definition of project under section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, the Public Health requests that an executed, stamped copy of the attached Resolution be returned to Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Public Works
CEO Office of Emergency Management

**RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
CONTINUE THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025
CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, the existence of a local health emergency was declared by the County Health Officer on January 10, 2025, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 14, 2025, due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, beginning on January 7, 2025, affecting areas throughout the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the January 2025 Critical Fire Events, beginning on January 7, 2025, are an ongoing local health emergency in the County, whose conditions have included an ongoing response to a number of destructive and wind-driven fires, which include, among others, the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Creek Fire, Lidia Fire, and the Kenneth Fire, and post-fire hazards in the form of burned common household hazardous materials and contaminated ash, soot and fire debris remaining in the burn zones and surrounding areas. These conditions are or will likely be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions and the ongoing need for federal and/or State financial assistance. To the extent which departments continue to engage in essential emergency-related activities that are dependent on the local health emergency remaining in effect; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the January 2025 Critical Fire Events in the County, and to mitigate the risks to health created by the fires and post-fire health hazards, which include the presence of extensive amounts of common household items burned in the wildfires that created contaminated ash and fire debris, must be removed, transported, and disposed of from properties in accordance with federal and State standards, which is an on-going effort; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 101080 and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code requires the Board to review the need for a declared local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated by the Board at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the need to continue the local emergency for the January 2025 Critical Fire Events, which was already ratified on January 14, 2025, and continued thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of people arising from the local health emergency for the January 2025 Critical Fire Events such that continuation of this local health emergency is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the local health emergency due to the January 2025 Critical Fire Events in the County continues to exist and is hereby extended for thirty (30) additional days, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was on the *1st* day of *July* 2025, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

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Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HILDA L. SOLIS

June 17, 2025

AND LINSEY P. HORVATH

Care With Pride: Strengthening the Safety Net for LGBTQ+ Residents and System-Involved Youth

Every year, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated during the month of June in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan which shaped the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. Pride Month is a time of celebration for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies, and to elevate the positive contributions LGBTQ+ individuals have made in our communities. Pride Month is also an opportunity for the County to reflect on and amplify existing needs among the LGBTQ+ community and ways in which the County can further enhance their health, and well-being. Unfortunately, Pride Month this year arrives in the midst of renewed attacks by the federal administration on LGBTQ+ individuals, particularly transgender and gender nonconforming individuals, that echo the same forces of marginalization that sparked the Stonewall Uprising over five decades ago. This moment calls on Los Angeles County to act with clarity and conviction in defending the rights and humanity of LGBTQ+ residents.

Los Angeles County is committed to continuing to reaffirm the importance of enhancing the safety and care of LGBTQ+ communities as it has been doing for several

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years. In June 2021, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the first *Care with*

Pride motion, which directed the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to enhance healthcare models,

assess current protocols regarding gender-affirming care, and solicit feedback from

community to improve care coordination. In June of 2022, the Board of Supervisors

unanimously passed the second *Care with Pride* motion, expanding on these efforts to

create a Gender Health Program (GHP) within DHS, to standardize and strengthen

LGBTQ+ services for DHS-empaneled patients, and to work with DCFS and the

Department of Mental Health (DMH) to ensure mental health and child welfare partners

were contributors to this program. To build on prior efforts, in June 2023, the Board of

Supervisors unanimously passed the third *Care with Pride* motion, to improve

coordination across departments, and explore the feasibility of developing a landing

page for LGBTQ+ and transgender, gender nonconforming, and intersex (TGI) residents

which could serve as one-stop site with existing resources from across County

departments.

In June 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the fourth *Care with*

Pride motion establishing a task force comprised of DHS, DMH, DCFS, and the

Department of Public Health (DPH), to enhance coordination and transitions of care and

services amongst departments, and to work with the Department of Public Social

Services (DPSS) to enhance the delivery of gender-affirming care and services to

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County-responsible patients. These efforts are currently coordinated by the County's Gender Health Coalition (GHC) which brings together stakeholders across organizations and Departments to improve gender-affirming services. The GHP and GHC now serve as a valuable linkage point for comprehensive gender-affirming services that include medical care, mental health care, and care coordination. The motion also directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO), through the Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative to host a website on information and resources for LGBTQ+ residents offered by various County Departments and directed DPH to incorporate information regarding the Gender Health Program into the Public Health InfoLine. The website is now live and providing important, culturally-sensitive materials to LGBTQ+ residents seeking care and services.

In the face of ongoing attacks elsewhere, the County must remain steadfast in its commitment to supporting LGBTQ+ communities by ensuring the continued delivery of affirming services and protections that promote their dignity, safety, and well-being. While the County has taken important steps to strengthen the safety net for LGBTQ+ residents and patients, more must be done to fully address the evolving needs of LGBTQ+ residents, and patients across all County systems, including the child welfare and juvenile justice-related systems. National studies show that LGBTQ+ and gender non-conforming youth are overrepresented in juvenile justice detention and correctional facilities and the percentage of incarcerated LGBTQ+ youth is double that of LGBTQ+

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youth in the general population. Additionally, a majority of juvenile justice professionals do not understand the medical needs of transgender youth. Studies have also shown that LGBTQ+ youth in correctional facilities report the highest rates of suicidal ideation, suicide attempts, and self-harm. These findings make it clear that now is the time for the County to do more to address the health, mental health, and social service needs of LGBTQ+ justice involved youth.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Health Services, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Social Services, and the Chief Executive Office through Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative designate leads to participate in the Gender Health Coalition and relevant care coordination task forces, and report back in writing quarterly with department-specific updates on their efforts to support the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ residents in alignment with this motion and prior Care with Pride motions.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Mental Health to report back in writing in 30 days with a plan to further enhance and support the mental health of LGBTQ+ and gender nonconforming residents, particularly given the federal administration's attacks to the health and well-being LGBTQ+ and gender nonconforming individuals.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Probation

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Officer to designate staff to participate in the Gender Health Coalition to increase focus on the LGBTQ+ individuals who are inside, under formal or informal field Probation, and exiting Probation facilities.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Probation Officer, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health Services, and the Department of Mental Health, in partnership with the Department of Youth Development, Department of Public Health, Chief Executive Office through Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative, Homeless Initiative, the LGBTQ+ Commission, and the Office of Child Protection to report back in writing in 90 days and quarterly thereafter with the following:

1. Plans and timelines for specific Care Coordination activities for system-involved LGBTQ+ youth, including transitional aged youth (TAY), to ensure continuity of care and services via the Gender Health Coalition.
2. A written roadmap detailing how system-involved LGBTQ+ youth, including TAY and youth inside, under formal or informal field Probation, and exiting Probation facilities or DCFS services, will be connected to culturally responsive community-based services, including housing, mental health, substance use, medical, mentorship, educational, and employment support. The report should include a timeline for implementation of these activities and the names of associated community programs.

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3. Written recommendations and a list of relevant partners for strengthening coordination to create a holistic and affirming system of care for justice-involved LGBTQ+ youth with overlapping vulnerabilities, such as youth experiencing homelessness, human trafficking, family violence, or immigration-related challenges.
4. A plan, timeline, and sustainability plan for the creation of and implementation of Probation staff training on LGBTQ+ cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and gender-affirming practices.
5. Provide a framework, timeline, and implementation plan for Probation to collect data on the experiences and outcomes of justice-involved LGBTQ+ youth under the care and supervision of Probation, with the goal of identifying service gaps and ensuring fair, inclusive, and responsive treatment and outcomes.
6. Direct Probation to report back to the Probation Oversight Commission on the implementation of directives three, four, and five at a regularly scheduled Probation Oversight Commission meeting in 180 days, and thereafter every 90 days.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS LINDSEY P. HORVATH

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Joining the “Coolfood Pledge” to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Los Angeles County Food Systems

The global food system accounts for a third of all greenhouse gas emissions and is a critical component of mitigating climate change impacts. On January 7, 2025, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion co-authored by Supervisors Horvath and Solis titled “Expanding County Action to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Food Procurement”. The motion directed various County departments to develop protocols for integrating updated food standards into County contracts that prioritize plant-based food options. The motion also directed the Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish baselines of greenhouse gas emissions for all departments that purchase, distribute, and serve food in the County. Using the established baseline, CSO and DPH will create food-based emissions and impact reduction targets for the next decade to progress towards emissions reduction goals and generate an annual climate impact report that will be posted publicly. The

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motion specifically calls for using resources like the World Resources Institute (WRI), a global research non-profit dedicated to supporting sustainable food systems, to help track progress toward reduction targets.

Furthermore, WRI created the "Coolfood Pledge" to set a target of reducing the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from food by 25 percent by 2030 relative to a 2015 baseline in alignment with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. Members that join the "Coolfood Pledge" commit to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from food service. Governments, universities, nonprofits, and businesses across the country have signed the pledge, including the City of New York and the University of California, Los Angeles. Members confidentially share food purchase data on an annual basis such as animal-based foods, as well as plant proteins. WRI uses a peer-reviewed methodology to confidentially calculate greenhouse gas emissions from food procurement and provide an annual report of emissions by food source that helps governments meet their emissions reduction goals.

In alignment with the January 2025 motion and the *OurCounty Sustainability Plan*, the County should sign on to the "Coolfood Pledge" and work with WRI toward reaching our climate goals. Signing this pledge is an important step towards advancing values-based food procurement, an approach that applies healthy food purchasing principles to promote and support a healthier, equitable, and more sustainable food system.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, authorize the Chief Executive Office, with assistance from the Department of Public Health, to commit the County of Los Angeles to join the "Coolfood Pledge".

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, authorize the Department of Public Health, in collaboration with County Counsel and the Chief Sustainability Office, to do the following:

- a. Enter into a data use agreement (Attachment 1) with the World Resources Institute for the purposes of assessing annual food procurement data from County of Los Angeles Departments (and County contractors, when applicable) that purchase, distribute, serve or sell food, to support the reduction of food-based greenhouse gas emissions.
- b. Collect annual food purchasing data from County departments (and their County contractors, food distributors and suppliers, etc.) that purchase, distribute, serve, or sell food, including the Aging & Disabilities Department, Board of Supervisors Executive Office, Chief Executive Office, Department of Beaches and Harbors, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Health Services, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Works, Internal Services Department, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Probation Department, and the Sheriff's Department.

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**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HOLLY J. MITCHELL
AND LINDSEY P. HORVATH**

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Preserving Los Angeles County’s Public Health System

Los Angeles County (County) is a global hub for business, fashion, culture, sports, media, and entertainment. According to the Euromonitor’s 2025 ranking for best cities to visit, Los Angeles ranks #18 worldwide and #2 in the United States. Additionally, Los Angeles International Airport has up to 70,000 flights a month, carrying up to 4 million passengers. These numbers represent a thriving County. They also show the potential public health risks and vulnerability that the County faces especially as it relates to the spread of communicable diseases.

The County’s Department of Public Health (DPH) advances community health and wellness while protecting ten million residents from communicable diseases. In 2024, DPH received over 14,000 confirmed and probable reports of diseases and outbreaks (excluding COVID-19). DPH and its partners reviewed and/or investigated more than 9,700 HIV cases and 28,000 syphilis cases.

DPH’s \$1.8 billion budget is predominantly comprised of federal funding, which supports the salaries of 1,500 permanent County employees. Net County dollars comprise just 14% of DPH’s overall budget. DPH receives significantly less local funding than public health agencies in other large urban jurisdictions. For example, almost 50% of New York City’s public health funding come from local sources. In contrast, our County allocates the majority of its local funding to other public safety programs such as the

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Sheriff, Probation and the District Attorney.

The current federal administration is dramatically re-organizing its Department of Health and Human Services, including its operating divisions and funding. This reorganization eliminates staff positions that support DPH's programs, including positions at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and results in the termination of various federal grants. On March 25, 2025, DPH received notification of immediate terminations for grants that totaled upwards of \$45 million dollars. The federal administration and Congress have also indicated that they intend to reduce the federal budget by \$1.5 trillion over the next decade. They have directed the House Energy and Commerce Committee to identify \$880 billion in savings which will require massive cuts to programs including Medicaid. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has indicated changes in the approval of certain Section 1115 Medicaid waivers, including those that are critical to DPH's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Bureau's operations.

These cuts threaten DPH's ability to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases and undermine its capacity to fulfill its statutory obligations and protect County residents. The County is a national epicenter for travel and trade. In the coming years, we will host major sporting events including the 2026 NBA All-Star games, the 2027 NFL Super Bowl LXI, and three major international sporting events-- the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games. These large-scale events place County residents at higher risk for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases such as H5 bird flu, measles, dengue, and tuberculosis. Effective prevention and control of communicable diseases require a trained public health workforce and an infrastructure capable of synthesizing data from hospitals and clinics for real-time surveillance.

These federal cuts also threaten DPH's ability to promote sexual health and reproductive rights and to prevent and treat substance abuse disorders. The cuts jeopardize DPH's ability to respond to public health emergencies, whether from infectious diseases (such as, Hepatitis A, Measles, Covid, Mpox, Ebola), weather-related events (including extreme heat, wildfires and earthquakes), or acts of terrorism (such as

bioterrorism). Additionally, these reductions undermine DPH's efforts to improve community health and to protect the health and safety of women, children and families through its maternal and child health programs that help ensure all at-risk babies are born healthy.

The past few years have shown both how a public health crisis can have significant harmful impacts on County residents and how DPH plays a critical role in protecting residents and providing relief. As the County takes steps to ensure it remains fiscally solvent, DPH should be viewed as one of the key County departments that ensures public safety, much like the Sheriff's Department. Funding DPH should be as high a priority as funding the Sheriff's Department.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Support the Department of Public Health's (DPH) submission of a "critical level" unmet needs request for at least \$5M in one-time funding as part of the Supplemental Budget, to protect public safety and preserve the most essential portions of programs and services that would otherwise be lost by federal cuts (much like the Recommended Budget provided \$83.7 million in one-time funds to the Sheriff's Department for various priorities).
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a. Establish a County Public Health Emergencies Reserve of, at least, \$20M. This reserve will be available for DPH to use to respond to urgent and emergency public health issues, especially in situations where the State or federal government have reduced or eliminated funding, and in situations where the State or federal government are not able to timely or adequately support necessary public health actions.
 - b. Work with the Director of DPH to timely realign Net County Cost funds in the Department's budget, as needed, to ameliorate the impacts of federal and State funding reductions with notification to the Board of Supervisors.

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